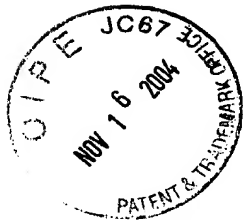


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In response to the Office Action mailed August 16, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the Application as follows.